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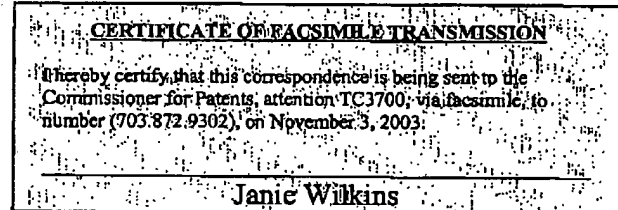
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 203.08, the undersigned attorney of record inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The referenced application was filed on February 27, 2002. No apparent action has been received. The undersigned respectfully requests notification of the status.

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